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# Make Your Carden Dollar Buy More

When we first introduced our Perennial Seedlings to the retail trade three years ago, the response to cur offerings was far beyond our expectations. You growers seemed to appreciate the unusual Values we were giving you in these Seedlings—the advantages you would derive from buying these Seedlings at about one-sixth of the cost of ordinary field grown plants. As a result of our first offering and the satisfaction hundreds of growers received from these seedlings, they come back again and again for more, making it necessary for us to increase our seedlings beds each year. Growers found that Seedlings offered by RICHARDS GARDENS were not the ordinary seedlings they got from greenhouses, but strong, healthy, sturdy field grown plants. The Seedlings we are offering you this season are, we believe the finest we have ever grown. They are plants that WILL BLOOM THIS YEAR. You can buy one dozen of our fine Seedlings for about the same price you would pay for two ordinary field grown plants. They are packed right and Guaranteed to reach you in good condition. WE PREPAY ALL ORDERS. No orders accepted for less than one dozen of any one variety.

## Special Free Offer

We will send you FREE two dozen of any of the plants described in this folder retailing at not more than 55c per dozen with every order of ten dozen or more selected from this list. Send your orders early.

When orders are given early, shipments will be made at proper planting time. We usually start packing about March 25.

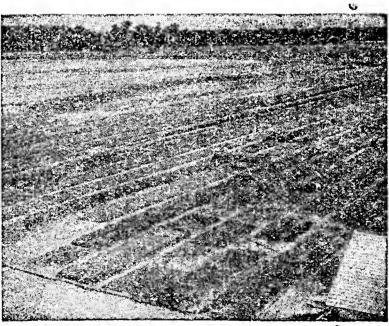
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## Perennial Seedlings

Per Doz. Achillea, Filipendula, Parkers Variety (Yarrow) .55	Mixed Large Flowering Per Doz55
Splendid cut flowers. The flowers if cut when full may be dried for later use. Yellow	Bloom in August
and grows 4 to 5 ft.	Rotundifolius
Agrostemma (Mullein leaf pink)	Bright yellow disc with florets of forget-me-nots blue.
Alyssum Argentum (Gold Dust)	Star of Eisenbach
	Ambairtie (Donnels Deals Cours)
Saxatile Compactum (Gold Dust)	Aubrietia (Purple Rock Cress)
	Liechtlini—Rosy Purple
Anchusa, Italica Dropmore (Alkanet)	Rosea Grandiflora— Dwarf pink border plant. Profuse Bloomer
•	Campanula, Carpatica (Hare Bell)
Myosotidiflora (Alkanet)	9 inches high  Medium (Canterbury Bells)  Following are all the medium which means they are the cup and saucer type
	Dauble and Single Prige Mixture
Anemone, St. Brigid's Hybrids (Windflower) 1.50 Favored for lasting quality of bloom, length of stem and brilliancy of colors. 18 inches	Double and Single Prize Mixture
high. These are bulbs only.	Plants covered with blue flowers
Aquilegia (Columbine) Clematiflora, New	Light Blue
Colorado Rainbow Mixture	Pink40
These are all colors of the Rainbow and the native Colorado Columbine	Plants covered with pink flowers
Crimson Star 1.00	White
Long spurred new brilliant dark crimson	Persicifolia Blue
Very profuse bloomer	2 ft. high, covered with bell flowers, a true
Dobbies Imperial Hybrids	perennial variety. Fine for cutting
Long spurred, unequaled for range of colors and sturdiness	Blue and White
Jaetschaui55	Centurea Montana, (Perennial Batchelor Button) .40
Large flowered yellow with long red spurs. Grows 3 ft. tall.	Cerastium Tomentosum (Snow in Summer)40 Silvery white foliage, white flowers, 16 inches
Longissima	Carnation Grenadin
Long spurred, delicate yellow, new	These make a fine addition to your garden and
Mrs. Scott Elliott	furnish a profusion of cut flowers.  Blooms in June.
	Golden Sun55
Rocky Mountain Blue	Pink
Arabis Alpina (White Rock Cress)	Red
White 12 inches high, splendid for border rock-	White
ery and lasts quite some time when cut	Chelone Barbata Coccinea (Shell Flower)40
Aster (Michaelmas Daisy)	Scarlet with yellow, 4 ft. high, good substitute for Coral Bell
Beauty of Ronsdorf	Cheiranthus (Wallflower)
August to September.	golden yellow flowers. 1 ft. high blooms during June and July
Farreri	Chinese Lanterns
Soft tone of violet mauve, June to July,  Creeping for rock gardens	Giant, something new, large lanterns 2 to 2½ inches in diameter

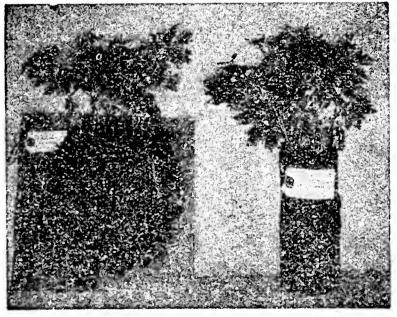
Chrysanthemum, Korcan, Hybrid  Something new in Chrysanthemums from seed Early flowering, single, semi-double and double. This will be a surprise package and worth growing	.5.5
Coreopsis, Double Sunburst	.53
Lanceolata	.40 es
Pl. Semi-double, 60% of these are double and are a fine addition to the Coreopsis family	.55 le
Lanceolata Aureculata Superba	.55
Delphinium, Belladonna Improved Cliveden Beauty A carefully selected strain which we highl recommend. Finest light blue	.55 y
Bellamosum Tall, graceful spikes of bloom covered wit blooms in charming color of dark blue	.55 lh
Blackmore & Langdon  Tall graceful spikes of bloom covered wit captivating blooms in charming color combinations. All the clear shades of blue with many delightful opaline variations, from imported seed	.75 h
Blackmore and Langdon Seed from selected plants once removed from imported seed	.55
Chinese	.55 d
Elatum Hybridum Indigo True blue	.55
Hoodacre Grown from seed once removed from Hood acre's white. Will run 75 percent white These are tall growing plants and a splendid Delphinium	.55  -
Lamartine	.75 e
Lyondel  Grown from selected plants of Lyonder plants in one of the finest private gardens in Michigan. This is one of the finest of hybrid Delphiniums in existence	.55 el
Vetterle and Reinelt  Stems of this strain are wiry, strong enoug to resist high winds, mildew resistant plants predominate, under conditions your seedlings should produce beautiful spikes 3 to 5 ft. high with only 1 to 2 ft. foliage. Flowers large 2 to 3 in. in diameter. Many double, some semi-double, single. Originator's seed	
	1.00
Mid Blue	1.00 1.00
Pastel and Lavender	
	1.00

Pingling Along V	
Carnation and pink hybrids with beautiful flowers double and single mixed colors.  18 inches high	.75
Barbatus (Sweet William) Perfectly hardy, early June	
Midget Mixed	.49
Newport Pink	.40
Scarlet Deauty	.40
Turkey Red	.40
Caesius (Chedder Pink)  Dense tufts glaucous blue foliage and large rose colored flowers. Blocms in July	.55
Plumarius, Cyclops, red hybrids	.10
Double Mixed Clove Pinks	55
Highland Queen Rose Hybrids Lustrous Scarlet vermillion color	.55
Latifolius Atrococcincus	.40
Loveliness	.00
Spring Beauty	40
Sweet Wivelsfield	
Digitalis, Giant Shirley Hybrids (Foxglove) 6 to 7 ft. high	40
Echinops Ritro (Globe Thistle)  Showy thistle-like plant with globular heads of metallic blue flowers during July and August, which can be dried remaining attractive for a long time. 2 to 3 ft. high	40
Edelweiss	55
Erigeron Speciosus Hyb	55
£41.	



Section of Seedling Beds, Richards Gardens, Plainwell

Per Doz
Eryngium, Amethystinum
Gaillardia, Bergundy Shining wine-red flowers about 2½ inches in diameter on long stem, from June to Fall
Dazzler
Goblin
Portola Hybrids
Tangerine
Geum, BoresiiOrange scarlet
Lady Stratheden (Golden Ball)
Mrs. Bradshaw
Gypsophila (Baby's Breath)
Snow White Double
Helenium, Bigelowi
Gem
Helianthemum Mutabile
Very brilliant border plant resembling a double sunflower. Flowers golden yellow



Root System and Typical Mailing Package From Richards Gardens

Scabra ZinniaefloraYellow, semi-double, 3 ft.	.40
Heuchera, Sanguinea (Coral Bells)	.75
Brizoides Bright rose	.75
Hibiscus Mallow Marvel Red	
Hollyhock, Double We have selected these varieties as being the very best of all the holly hocks in existence	
Imperator Improved	.55
Mixed	.55
Triumph	.55
lberis (Candytuft) Gibraltarica	.40 2
Sempervirens	.55
Iris Kaempferi (Japanese Iris)	.40
Siberica Siberian varieties mixed	.55
Lathyrus Latifolius (Everlasting Pea)  Climbing plant providing excellent covers fo banks and terraces with plenty of flowers for cutting	
Pink	.55
Red	.55
White	.55
Lavendula Vera (Lavender)	.55
Liatris, Pycnostachya (Gay Feather of Blazing Star) Rose purple flowers	.55
Liatris Scariosa White	.55
Lilium Philippinense  Formosanum—Glant pure white, 1 year bulbs	.55
Lilium Philippinense	.40
Formosanum—White with Pink Markings 1 year bulbs	
Linaria Dalmatica (Perennial Snapdragon	.40 y
Linum Perenne (Perennial Flax)  Very attractive foliage, pale blue bloom on slender stem. Flowers from May to August.  2½ ft. high	.40
Lobelia Cardinal's (Cardinal Flower)  Fine native perennial for moist shady place tall stems with red flowers in full bloom  August and September	.55 s,
Lunaria Biennis Alba	.55 d
Lychnis Chalcedonica	.40

Viscara Splandons	Doz.	Per Doz.
Viscara Splendens Fine border plant, blooms profusely in June and July	.10	Scabiosa Caucasica (Pink Cushion Flower)
Matricaria, Ball's Double White  This is the one and only fully double floweri pure white strain of Feverfew, 98 percent true to description.	ng	Houses Hybrids
Myosotis Alpestris Blue (Forget-me-nots) clear blue 12 inches high	.10	Silene Schafta Rose (Catchfly)
		Shasta Daisy Excellent cut flowers, very hardy
Nepta Mussini  Neat bushes of small lavender-like foliage coered with spikes of lavender-blue flowers:	)V-	Alaska
both foliage and flowers aromatic		Giant flowered white, late
Oenothera (Evening Primrose)  Youngii—showy and beautiful plants for borde and beds, flowering from June to October Yellow	ers	Diener's Double
Emagani		King Edward VII
Deep yellow with 24 inch stems  Panaver (Panav) Nuclicante El Monto		Statice Latifolia (Sea Lavender)
Papaver (Poppy) Nudicaule El Monte Deep tangerine orange  Empress Flowers large, broad overlapping peta deeply fluted giving effect of double- ness, colors range through shades of salmon-rose and creamy pink	.55 ds,	Stokesia (Cornflower)
Fakenham Hybrids  Flowers 2 to 3 inches in diameter, come in she		Thalictrum Adiantifolium (Meadow Rue)40 Tall growing foliage plant
es of orange, yellow, white and with long stiff stems. Extremely free flowering and last well as cut flowers	:	Tunica Saxafraga
Yellow Wonder	.55	Valeriana (Garden Heliotrope) Rubra Coccinea .55
Platycodon (Chinese Bellflower)  Early blooming, giant blue. These are mu larger flowers than the Grandiflora variety	ich	This is a brilliant scarlet, grows to 36 inches and excellent for cut flowers. One of the very best of the Valerianas
Grandiflorum Blue  26 inches high, large showy deep blue flo ers blooming all summer. Splendid for	w-	Veronica, Amethystina
hardy border.  Polemonium Coerulem (Jacob's Ladder)  Blue, showy free flowering plant for sunny		Compact clusters of bright blue flowers 30 inches high
border, easily grown.  Pyrethrum (Painted Daisy)	.55	Repens, Dwarf branching
Robinsons Hybrids  Roseum Hybridum Pink		Viola (Tufted Pansies) Popular garden flower continuous and free flowering
Showy flowers, bloom freely on long ster during May and June; valuable for border and cutting. Very hardy.		Apricot
Atrosanguineum	.55	Arkwright Ruby
James Kelway	.40	fragrant
Rudbeckia		Black Imp
flowers, very hardy  Newmanii  Vivid bright yellow		Chantreyland
	40	Jersey Gem
Salvia Azurea (Meadow Sage) Stately willow-like spikes, pale blue flowers		Dark blue
in fall. 4 ft.		Waller Franklin Mixture
Saponaria Ocymoides (Soapwart)  Pink, trailing and suitable for border	.40	W. H. Woodgate

### Field Grown Perennials

Often people who buy our seedlings ask if we have field grown plants as they wish something for immediate effect. To supply this demand we transplanted several thousand of the better known varieties of perennials. These have been carefully grown and are real plants. They have been given plenty of space in the field and are well rooted and will give you the immediate effect you so desire. Buy a few to plant in connection with your seedling plants.

Aquilegia (Columbine)

Dobbies Imperial Hybrids—A very fine selection 18-24 inches high. Long spurred, unequaled for range of colors and sturdiness

20c each, 12 for \$2.00

Colorado Rainbow Mixture—These are all colors of the rainbow and the native Colorado Columbine. 29c each, 12 for \$2.00

Jaetschaui—Large flowered yellow with long red spurs, grows 3 ft. 20c each, 12 for \$2.00

Mrs. Scott Elliott—This is without question the finest strain in existence. 20c each, 12 for \$2

Bleeding Heart—This is the same plant that was in your grandmothers garden with heart shaped flowers that bloom for a good portion of the summer.

Very excellent foliage 25c each, 12 for \$2.50

Delphinium, Bellamosum—Tall graceful spikes of bloom covered with blooms in charming color of dark blue.

20c each, 12 for \$2.00

Hoodacre White—These run from light blues to about 70% white, many double. Tall growing and really a handsome Delphinium. Seed is from once removed from the famous Hoodacre Gardens at Hoodriver, Ore.

20c each, 12 for \$2.00

Lyondel—These are from seed once removed from Lyondel Gardens. Their shades are from light blue, dark blue, pastel shades. Many double, not the best but a very high grade strain.

20c each, 12 for \$2.00

Vetterle & Reinelt, Pacific Hybrids—These are from seed direct from the originator. They have all bloomed and nothing but the best has been retained. Everyone double and there are many pastel and lavender shades with the blues. They are without doubt the last word in Delphiniums.

40c each, 6 for \$2.00, limit 12 to a customer

Wrexham—The hollyhock Delphinium, tall grow ing plants which as name implies the florets are arranged like hollyhocks. Colors run from light to dark blue with many having lavender shadings, many are double.

20c each, 12 for \$2.00

Chrysanthemum—We have the famous pink cushion which starts blooming in August and the plant is covered with hundreds of flowers from then on to frost.

30c each, 7 for \$2.00

Hollyhocks, double, Newport Pink—Immense blossoms that look like Mons Jules Elie Peony in form but with more pleasant color. 20c each 12 for \$2.00

Blood-Red—The same description applies to this with the exception it looks like a Felix Crousse Peony.

20c each, 12 for \$2.00

Mixed-15c each, 12 for \$1.50

Pyrethrum (Painted Daisy) Roseum Pink Shades—These are from plants from which the seed was supposed to produce a double Pyrethrum. We found that possibly 25% were double. We don't have these selected but our field run plants are fine and in a dozen you might get three or four plants that would prove double.

25c each, 12 for \$2.50

Roseum Pink Shades—Showy flowers, bloom freely on long stems during May and June. Valuable for border and cutting. Very hardy.

20c each, 12 for \$2.00

Atrosanguineum—Dark red shades

20c each, 12 for \$2.00

James Kelway-Dark blood-red shades

20c each, 12 for \$2.00

Shasta Daisy, The Giant—These are immense shasta daisies 3 to 4 inches across with two rows of petals. They are, we think, the finest in Shasta Daisies 25c each, 12 for \$2.50

Statice Latifolia (Sea Lavender)—This plant has a Lavender lacelike foliage and when dried is excellent for winter bouquets. 20c each 12 for \$2.00

Tritoma (Torch Lily or Red Hot Poker)—Orange colored spikes, blooming in autumn with real autumn colors.

20c each, 12 for \$2.00

These are NOT prepaid. If you wish them prepaid add 25c per dozen, These plants are well packed and guaranteed to reach you in good condition

### Make Your Garden Dollar Buy More

PLANT BABY PHLOX. For several years, we have been furnishing Phlox in rooted Crown Phlox cuttings. These are grown in cold frames outdoors and are well hardened. We are now offering you the opportunity to get these baby phlox and make your garden dollar buy more. These will not be available until May 15th and we cannot accept order for them after June 15th, so hurry in your order and they will be sent you parcel post prepaid. Prices are six of a kind for 60c; twelve of a kind for \$1.00; or fifteen mixed, unlabeled our selection for \$1.00. Remember these will bloom this year. Plant Phlox to give color to your garden during trying months of July and August.

### NOTE THESE WONDERFUL VARIETIES

- Aetna—Deep scarlet, tall strong grower
- Africa—Carmine red with darker eye. Large trusses.

  One of the most beautiful, strong growing varieties in its color.
- B. Compte-Late, tall growing, popular rich wine red
- Blushing Bride—A new variety, something like Nordlicht but a very much taller grower and a finer flower. Large flowers rosy pink with red eye.
- Border Queen—Dwarf with massive heads of water-melon pink. Long blooming season.
- Caroline Vandenberg—Lavender bloom, the nearest to a blue of all phlox. Large Individual flowers. Splendid variety.
- Count Zepplin—White with bright red eye; very striking.
- Daily Sketch—New. Outstanding and immense flowers, light salmon pink with carmine eye. Probably the tallest growing of all phlox and one that has had the widest publicity in the last two years.
- Eclaireur—Large growing purple. The very best in the purple colors.
- E. I. Farrington—Large trusses of delightful salmon shade with lighter eye. In some seasons this is slightly mottled giving it real distinctive beauty
- George Stipp—Deep glowing salmon-pink, an outstanding variety in this color. Strong grower and excellent foliage.
- Leo Schlageter—New. One of the most vivid and fiery red phlox. Really outstanding variety with good bloom and foliage.
- Lillian—New. One of the most beautiful of all pink phlox. Slight salmon shade. Better than Elizabeth Campbell because it is a sure grower.
  - 12 each of 10 varieties, \$8.00

- Mia Ruys—A dwarf vigorous variety with large pure white blooms.
- Miss Lingard—Early white with faint pink eye.

  Probably most popular white.
- Morgenrood—Unusually striking flowers of deep rose shade of red, large florets.
- Mrs. Chas. Dorr-Clear lavender, tall.
- Mrs. Jenkins—Tall, early, pure white.
- Mrs. Scholten—American Beauty red, very large flowers. One of the most striking varieties in our whole collection.
- Nordlicht—Large flowers of carmine pink with large carmine eye.
- Painted Lady-Soft silvery pink with red eye
- Rheinlander—Rich salmon pink. Old reliable variety that is still one of the best
- R. P. Struthers—Good old variety, strong grower.
  Rosy red florets
- Salmon Glow—A true, clear, deep salmon-pink with deep carmine eyes. Large size and robust grower.
- Salome—New. Dark pink without magenta coloring so common to phlox. You will like it because it is a clear color with large trusses of flowers and a good grower.
- Sieboldi-Orange scarlet with crimson eye.
- Thor—Deep salmon pink suffused and overlaid with a scarlet glow. An old variety but still one of the very best.
- Von Hochburg—One of the very best. Large size blood red blooms.
- WM. Kesselring—New. An improved Widar. Purple with white eye. Strong grower with good foliage

12 each of 6 varieties, \$5.00

Remember these are prepaid and well packed—guaranteed to reach you in good condition.

SEND FOR OUR DESCRIPTIVE LIST CONTAINING 100 VARIETIES OF PERENNIAL SEEDLINGS

### Letters From Satisfied Customers

"Plants to hand this morning. I have been gardenin Europe for ten years and here for forty years and if I have ever seen a better value for my money in Perennials, I do not remember it. Packing perfect The Gem Floral Garden, Mobile, Ala.

"The three dozen seedlings ordered from you with some doubt, completed their journey of over two thousand miles April 15th and looked alright. They were heeled in until this morning and then planted, with good new growth showing on practically all of them."

"Just a word of appreciation for the very satisfactory way in which you handled my order for ten dozen seedlings. I can quite agree with one of your

customers whom you quoted as saying: 'These are not seedlings—they're plants.' The packing was very well done and they all arrived in fine condition."

Mrs. Wm. D. Walker, Arlington, Va.

R. P. Loomis, Bellingham, Wash.

"The plants came in good shape and as they all had such wonderful root system, I know they will all grow. Am more than pleased with my dealings with Richards Gardens."

Neshaminy Farms, Newton, Penna.

"Never have I seen such plants so beautifully done up or received in such superior condition. Not only that, but your Seedlings are veritable plants. I shall recommend you to my friends."
Mrs. J. F. Jaros, Riverside, Ill.

"I want to congratulate you on packing your plants properly for shipment. My order for Seedlings of March 15th, to be shipped April 15th, arrived promptly in perfect condition, care having been taken to insure dampness and ventilation."

Mrs. C. D. Hastings, Detroit, Mich.

"The plants ordered for the 25th arrived on date and were in fine condition. I wish to thank you for the extra number added to each package." Mrs. Louise B. Hastings, Toledo, O.

"I want you to know how pleased I am with the seedlings I got from you this spring. I let a few of them bloom and they were wonderful. I have raised my Delphiniums from seeds and I have some very fine hybrids, but now I can get such fine seedlings from you, I wouldn't bother with seeds anymore.'

Miss A. T. Pearson, Westbrook, Maine

"You sure work fast! I sent you my order from New York on Tuesday afternoon and at 10 o'clock Saturday morning the little plants arrived at Wayne, Penna., in perfect condition."

Wm. P. Bentz, New York City

"Yesterday my February Flower Grower came and when I saw your two page ad my enthusiasm verged on hysteria. I sent for your list last fall, and Mrs. Mannfeld of my Garden Club, and I, combined an order and sent to you. We were both quite amazed and pleased with the so-called seedlings you sent. The only root systems I ever saw to compare to yours were in pictures. It is too early to predict how they have survived but if there is any loss it will certainly not be the fault of Richards Gardens. This all sounds slightly exaggerated and flattering, but I assure you I am sincere in my appreciation of your splendid plants.

(Mrs. R. E.) Ellen Woody Peckham Indianapolis, Ind.

You are invited to visit us at the "Old Homestead"-the Red Brick Tavern-Famous for its Chicken Dinners. Located just north of Plainwell, about half way between Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.



We ship our seedlings anywhere. Our seedlings are packed right and guaranteed to reach you in good condition. It will pay you well to buy your seedlings from us and make your Garden Dollars buy more.